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DNA AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCES OF A TYROSINE AMMONIA LYASE ENZYME FROM THE BACTERIUM RHODOBACTER SPHAEROIDES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A novel tyrosine ammonia lyase enzyme was identified in the bacterium *Rhodobacter sphaeroides*. This enzyme has a higher activity for tyrosine than for phenylalanine and is useful for the production of parahydroxycinnamic acid directly from tyrosine. The gene encoding this enzyme was cloned by direct amplification using the genomic DNA and was expressed in *E. coli*.

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